

**Monadnock Regional School District
Finance and Facility Meeting
August 14, 2024
SAU Conference Room and remote via Zoom**

Committee Members Present: S.Peters, B. Tatro and C. McDaniel-Thomas. **Absent:** J. Cesaitis and Eric Stanley.

Administration Present: J. Morin, Business Administrator

Also Present: T. Breen, Director of Building and Grounds and L. Aivaliotis, Recording Secretary.

C. McDaniel-Thomas opened the meeting at 6:32 PM.

1. Public Comments: There were no public comments.

2. Approval of Minutes of July 10, 2024: MOTION: S.Peters **MOVED** to approve the July 10, 2024 Finance/ Facilities Committee Meeting Minutes as presented. **SECOND:** B.Tatro. **VOTE:** Unanimous for those present. **Motion passes.**

3. Adjust agenda: No adjustments.

4. Old Business

a. Review progress on building project: J. Morin reported that the playground at MTC looks great. There was a meeting on Wednesday regarding the project and things are on track. T. Breen reported that the schools are ready for the students. MRMHS and Troy are about ready. The Beyond the Bell Summer Program was at Troy and MRMHS this year due to the construction at MTC. S. Peters asked how the administration will communicate to the MTC parents. J. Morin explained that Guilfoil the PR Firm is working on that. The administration is working with the bus company regarding the new bus loop. They will do practice runs. She explained that they have been in contact with the Swanzey Police Department to help support the traffic at MTC the first week of school. The traffic pattern is temporary until the project is complete. If there is an issue with the amount of traffic the administration may have to ask the parents to encourage their kids to take the bus. T. Breen explained that the roof over the girl's locker room has been fixed. The fire panel has also been fixed.

b. Receive financial report of Business Administrator: J.Morin passed out the Monthly Expense Report. The budget is negative in the amount of \$139,620.34. The auditors are here this week. She explained that the number should decrease due to refunds. The auditors will make the adjustments. We have less revenues. The district plans to take the funds from the Special Education Expendable Trust to cover the deficit. The auditors may finish tomorrow and they say every year that the district makes things easier. She will let the Trustees of the Trust Fund know that the district will need the funds from the Special Education Expendable Trust. The CARES funds are over and the district did spend them.

c. Receive updates on any new CIP needs: For future meetings.

d. Unaffiliated comp study BDA-R: It was explained that there was little response from the other districts that the committee reached out to regarding the salary comparisons. It is possible to call the districts under the “Right to Know Law”. The committee would need to have the data in time to study and present for the budget. They need the Superintendent's guidance on how to push harder. S.Peters asked if the revised budget process should be feathered in Policy BDA-R. **MOTION:** B. Tatro **MOVED** to place the budget process in Policy BDA-R and to bring it to the full Board for approval. **SECOND:** C.McDaniel-Thomas. **VOTE:** Unanimous for those present. **Motion passes.**

5. New Business:

a. Prepare presentation for Board on comp study: Presentation not complete.

b. Next goal due: By September 3, 2024, provide a recommendation to the board related to the timing of Cutler closing and Troy students displacement during the Troy renovation. S. Peters explained that this is the work of the administration. This information will be delivered by J. Rathbun. This committee will bring that information to the full Board when it is ready. It was commented that J. Rathbun does not want to displace kids at Troy. S. Peters said this committee’s responsibility is the financial aspect and the building component in the budget. We will need to communicate if we are going to send Troy students to another school. We will get input from J. Rathbun regarding Troy and Cutler. We need to know the guardrails. We need a solid plan. Summer is not the time for this. When we do know we have to decide the plan and then the CRC journey when moving the Cutler kids and maybe the Troy kids.

c. Policy Process: The committee was going to review the policy process but a few members were not present. The committee will review at the next meeting.

6. Setting next meeting’s agenda:

- a. Update the Compensation Study
- b. Policy BDA-R

7. Public Comments: There were no public comments.

8. Adjourn MOTION: B. Tatro **MOVED** to adjourn the meeting at 7:34 PM. **SECOND:** S. Peters. **VOTE:** Unanimous for those present. **Motion passes.**

Respectfully submitted,

Laura L. Aivaliotis
Recording Secretary